



# Dayton Society of Natural History

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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The mission of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is to be the premier regional provider of interactive science learning experiences which enrich the lives of children and adults, enhance the quality of life in our community, and promote a broad understanding of the world. The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery offers permanent and traveling exhibitions and multi-dimensional experiential STEM programs for all ages of youth, in addition to a variety of other programs.

Our focus on STEM education is one of the main reasons I am writing to you in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. Affordable, fast and reliable broadband is a critically important part of STEM education. The telecommunications industry has long played an important role in providing broadband, and New Charter – the entity resulting from the merger – would be vital to providing the broadband we need to see our children thrive with their STEM learning.

For children to succeed with STEM education, speed and innovation are important. New Charter's slowest broadband tier of 60 Mbps will ensure that they have the tools they need, and the ability of several people in one location to watch streaming high-definition video at the same time will be greatly enhanced. New Charter will price this speed based on Charter's current model, which is less expensive for consumers than what Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks currently offer.

Another area that New Charter will positively impact is the community itself. Time Warner Cable has been a partner of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery since 2000, and just this year TWC sponsored our Do Lab/Science Theater. New Charter will continue prioritizing commitments to local communities and its technologies will help young people be the problem solvers of tomorrow.

Our vision is to be the premier regional provider of interactive learning experiences which enrich the lives of children of all ages, enhance the quality of life in our community, and promote deeper understanding of the world. This merger would be a big asset to help us achieve that vision, and we hope the FCC supports it.

Sincerely,

Mark Meister  
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